### TASCOTT, MURDERER OF MILLIONAIRE SNELL, IS. DEAD IN ALASKAN WILDS

Hunted Over All the Earth, He Flees to the Klondike and Perishes Miserably.

DEATH-BED CONFESSION

Prospector's Dramatic Story of the Chicago Fugitive's End in a Lonely, Cheerless Cabin.

HIS HAIR SNOW WHITE

'And His Expression Like that of a Hunted Animal-Tortured by His Conscience.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 31.-If the voland Tascott, the long-sought murderer, marked grave in the heart of the Alaskan wilderness, whither he had fled for the

Robertson, a reliable man, prospector and miner, received the young man's confession and tells the story simply and dramatically. Robertson left the Klondike capital, he says, last fall in a small boat bound for the new placer grounds at Fairbanks He reached a point on the Dahl river. HIS INJURIES UNKNOWN in a particularly desolate and forbidding region, when the forlorn wailing of a dog surprised his ears. He found the dog, a half-starved shepherd, seemingly in much distress. Following this animal Robertson was brought to a seemingly deserted cabin some 400 yards above the river, built in a clump of spruce trees.

"I ventured to the door of the shack and knocked," says Robertson, "and there was a feeble 'come in.' All was darkness inside and there was no sign of a fire. I caught sight of a bit of candle, which I lighted and then advanced to where a man lay. With a feeble effort he turned and stared at me for a full minute. Then he said: "'Are you an officer?' The question

"'No', I said, 'I am a miner and if there is anything I can do for you I want to

"I soon had a fire going and again approached the bed. The man's hair was white as snow, his face had a livid color in it that looked like death and he had the most terrifled and hopeless expression I have ever seen on a human being.

" 'Partner,' he said finally, rolling over on his side, and little more than whispering, 'I'm leaving a world that I did not appreciate. I'm going to where I belong.'

"He lapsed into silence again and what I thought was a sleep came over him. Two hours passed and he suddenly wakened with a shrick and then sank back in "In a few minutes he gave another wild scream and straightened up in bed. Then in a voice you would think came from a good, strong man, he said:

"See here, boys, my name is Tascott. I'm Tascott. Do you understand? I'm Tascott that they have been hunting like a wolf for years. I cannot run any more. I'm getting paid for what I did. I know I'm dying and I know where I'm going. Tell the boys when they come back that I am Tascott, and you can tell the world, too, for the world has hunted me a long

"About 3 o'clock in the morning I heard a noise like a man expelling all the air

The next day his partners got back and strangest fellows I've ever met in the North. They did not say who they were. They did not even thank me for staying with their dead. They did not even ask me to join them at their meal, but they buried the man, and, rolling up their things in a blanket pack, they started country in the direction of the Koyukuk. Before going one of them came

"'See here,' he said, 'you've seen and heard what you've heard. You can't make anything by talking about it. He's dead and that's all there is to it.'
"Before I could ask him anything he had struck the trail and that was the last I saw of him. I have never told about this until now, but that dead man asked me to make his story public and so I do so. I le was tortured to death by thinking of his own life and the crime he had committed and I believe he

SNELL'S MURDER AND SEARCH FOR TASCOTT

CHICAGO, May 31.-Amos J. Snell, a wealthy holder of much property on the West Side of Chicago, was murdered at his home in Washington boulevard on the night of Feb. 8, 1888, and robbery was declared to be the motive, although by many it then was and still is believed that the burglary was concected. However, after many arrests the police hit upon the Willie Tascott clew. Tascott had been an elevator boy at the Palmer House. It was represented that | he had been employed by day and commit-

ted robberies at night. Heavy rewards, one for \$10,000, which was subsequently raised to \$20,000, were offered for Tascott, and for two or three years Tascott was turning up dead or alive in all parts of North and South America. Detectives hunted for him in all quarters of the Eventually Mrs. Snell withdrew the re-

ward for Tascott, quarrels, civil suits and other scandals followed among members of the family, and to-day the Snell millions are supposed to have been dissipated, in part, and passed into other hands.

CAR BARN BANDITS

AT PHILADELPHIA

Four Masked Men Hold Up Employes and Passengers, but Get Little Plunder.

PHILADELPHIA, May 31.-Four masked robbers early to-day visited the car barn of the Delaware County Electric Railway, at Clifton Heights, near here, and blew open two safes, securing \$15 in cash, but failed to get \$1,000, which was in a safe, The cracksmen bound and gagged three employes of the company and two male passengers and terrorized two belated women passengers before committing the rob-

MURDERS A WOMAN AND KILLS HIMSELF

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 31.-Irvin Wise, Island of Mindanao, where he has been a mechanical engineer, to-day shot Katie Craff through the heart, instantly killing her, and then killed himself. The motive for the double crime is unknown, but as Wise had been paying attention to the Cruff woman for some time, it is believed to have States troops are now trailing Ali, debeen jealousy. Wise was married and had



COUNT LAMSDORFF. Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

## MINISTER LAMSDORFF IS ATTACKED, AND RUMOR OF ASSASSINATION SPREADS

Russian Foreign Minister Is Assaulted by Prince Dolgouroski at St. Petersburg.

One Report Says an Attempt Was Made on His Life While He Was at Dinner.

PARIS, June 1 .- The Echo de Paris's St Petersburg correspondent wires: "Count Lamsdorff was assaulted while out walking by Prince Dolgouroski, formerly a pre-" Bulgaria. The

prince was immediatery arrested." LONDON, May 31 .- A dispatch from St Petersburg to the Central News says that it is rumored there that an attempt was made to assassinate Foreign Minister Lamsdorff while he was at dinner this evening.

Though the rumor of the attempted assassination was later denied, it is known that Count Lamsdorff has many bitter | cease when requested to be reported to the enemies. In fact, it has been stated several times that his opponents were so powerful it would be no surprise if he was forced to retire from office. The news by the way of Paris that he was assaulted by Prince Dolgouroski is regarded as evidence of the count's unpopularity.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 1, 5 a. m .- The rumor that an attempt has been made to assassinate Foreign Minister Lamsdorff is

### LAMSDORFF MAY QUIT RUSSIAN MINISTRY

ST. PETERSBURG, May 31.-Gossip concerning Count Lamsdorff's early retirement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is renewed. The reported present instance seems based not so much on political grounds as upon manifestations of personal hostility outside ministerial circles. The fact that Count Lamsdorff notified foreign diplomats to-day that he would not receive on his regular reception day tofrom his lungs. I rushed over to the bed | morrow is being used to add color to the and feit the man's pulse and heart. He reports of his retirement, although this may only be a coincidence of little significance. I told them what happened. They were the | Such notifications have not been uncommon during the past year. It is considered possible that these reports may have been spread by ministers who are his personal enemies, and some of whom, it is well known, have sought to undermine him for

> TRAINS PASS THROUGH THE FLOOD IN KANSAS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 31 .- The three through trains marooned near Quenemo, Kan., for twelve hours yesterday, on account of the flood which had washed out portions of the Santa Fe and Missouri Pacific tracks reached here to-day. A majority of the passengers were east-bound, many of them coming from the Methodist told the truth in saying he was Tascott. many of them coming from the Methodist It's my opinion that his partners knew; it, General Conference at Los Angeles, and others from El Paso. All trains carried diners and there was no suffering.

SOLDIER SLAIN BY

Fort Robinson, was shot and instantly killed to-day by Private Wilson, of Troop G. The two men were carousing in Crawford, and the shooting followed a fight between them. Wilson escaped and is still

MISTAKE, TAKES POISON

son Swallows a Large Dose of

Carbolic Acid.

of ex-Judge and ex-Senator Simon P.

stance for medicine. Two physicians worked

over her for hours. At midnight she seemed

while not really hopeful, said her condition

The family is one of the most prominent

and wealthy in Jasper county, and Mrs.

Thompson, who was a beautiful and highly

disputed society leader of the city. For

DATTO ALI AND BAND

MANILA, May 31.-Major General Leon-

ard Wood has returned from Seamboanga,

organizing a punitive expedition dispatched in pursuit of the Datto All and his band of Moros from the Rio Grande, who, May

12, surprised and massacred fifty-three Fili-

termined to either capture or destroy him

TROOPS ON TRAIL OF

was better than they had reason to expect.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal

# MUTINY IN THE ARMY AT FORT RILEY, KANSAS

Nineteen Soldiers of Eighth Cav- Two Witnesses Testify Before the Three Thousand Metal Workers Wife of Ex-Senator S. P. Thompalry Rebel on Account of Inspection Order.

CONDITION NOT HOPEFUL ALL BUT FOUR ARRESTED DICE CAUSED THE FIGHT FUNDS

JUNCTION CITY. Kan., May 31 .- About | Special to the Indianapolis Journal. RENSSELAER, Ind., May 31.-About 7 | noon to-day nineteen soldiers in Troop K, ANDERSON, Ind., May 31.-At the cor- employed by the companies that compose Eighth Cavalry, at Fort Riley, rebelled on oner's inquest to-day over the body of o'clock to-night Mrs. Mary Thompson, wife account of an inspection that was ordered | Hiram Staley, who was murdered at Ches-Thompson, took a large dose of carbolic for 2 o'clock this afternoon. They came to terfield last night as he stepped off an inacid, mistaking, it is said, the deadly sub- Junction City and paraded on the streets in terurban car, evidence was introduced to be somewhat easier, and the doctors, post. A detail of men was sent from the tincers. With the aid of the local police ing compartment of the car from which in custody to-night. Only seven of the Dusang got on the smoker at Anderson accomplished woman, was formerly the unmen resisted the patrol, and it is probable that they will be charged with mutiny several years past, however, she has been when they go before the court-martial for on the car he was "going to get even almost wholly secluded on account of poor

BOLD ROBBERS MAKE BIG HAUL IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31 .- A bold robbery was committed shortly after noon to-day by two negroes, who entered the office of the Pullman Company at the ing revolvers upon the unsuspecting cashof the government at Camp Overton. United in sight. Aurelius handed over about \$2,500. The negroes backed out of the office door with their pistols still leveled at the cash-ier, and then hastly disappeared.

### ILLINOIS REPUBLICANS MAY CHEW, BUT MUST NOT SMOKE IN CONVENTION

Chairman Cannon Induces Delegates to Put a Ban on Cigarettes, Cigars and Pipes.

DEADLOCK IS UNBROKEN

Three More Fruitless Ballots Arc Taken, with Vote of Leaders Practically Unchanged.

LOWDEN'S ALLEGED PLAN

Attempt May Be Made To-Day to Take Away Part of Governor Yates's Support.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 31.-The Reing three ballots for Governor, adjourned until to-morrow morning without having broken the deadlock. The three ballots

Fifty-ninth-Yates, 487; Lowden, 3961/2; Deneen, 3831/2; Hamlin, 116; Warner, 41; Sherman, 50; Pierce, 28. Sixtieth-Yates, 484; Lowden, 3981/2; Deneen, 3831/2; Hamlin, 113; Warner, 42; Sherman, 53; Pierce, 28.
Sixty-first-Yates, 484; Lowden, 3981/2; Deneen, 3841/2; Hamlin, 116; Warner, 40; Sher-

asm. Governor Yates was cheered as he entered the hall a few minutes before the convention was called to order, but the entry of the other candidates was unob-

Chairman Cannon opened the proceedings by having read the rule of the House of Representatives which, among other things, prohibits smoking "upon the floor of the have adopted that amongst other rules.

The chair cannot enforce that rule without

the co-operation of the delegates, and the

chair desires to know what the rule of the Then he put to a vote the question of enforcing the "no smoking" rule "literally, everywhere in the hall." The affirmative chairman then gave peremptory instructions to the assistant sergeants-at-arms and the police to see that all smoking in the hal was prevented, the delegates who do not chair for the action of the convention, and persons not delegates who persistently violate the rule to be ejected from the hall.

CHEWING PERMITTED. "How about the chewing?" inquired a delegate amid laughter.

Chairman Cannon, who, while refraining from smoking, has been chewing tobacco pretty freely during the monotonous deadlock, answered gravely: "The resolution is silent on chewing." [Laughter.]

The roll was then called for the fiftyninth ballot. There was trouble over the vote of Bureau county. C. P. Lovejoy challenged the vote as announced. Dele gate Daizell, of Bureau, repiled that Love joy was neither a delegate nor an alternate. Chairman Cannon, after consulting the official list of delegates, said that Lovejoy's name appeared on the roll as a dele been made up by the county committee, but Chairman Cannon said that until th new list was presented to the convention and accepted it could not be recognized. "I desired to be recorded for Richard Yates," said Lovejoy. "The gentleman will restrain his zeal,

said the chairman, "and we will proceed [Laughter.] The roll of the Bureau delegation was There was a controversy as to how the ix absent delegates should be The vote of the delegation then stood: Yates, 1; Lowden, 6; Deneen, 5; Hamlin,

The changes on the fifty-ninth ballot from the fifty-eighth, the last one taken before the recess, were as follows: Sixteenth ward, Chicago, Deneen lost 1 to Lowden; Edwards county, Warner lost 1 to Yates; Jackson, Yates gained 2, Lowden, 7, Hamlin, all from Warner; Lasaile, Sherman gained 1 from Pierce; Madison, Hamlin gained 1 and Sherman 1 from Lowden; Mason, Yates gained 1 from Warner; Menard, Hamlin gained 1 from Yates; Peoria, Hamlin gained 2 and Sherman 2 from Lowden; Richland, Hamlin gained 1 from Warner; Union, Yates gained 1 from Warner; Woodford, Lowden gained 3 from Hamlin, There were few changes in the other two At 3:45 p. m., on motion of J. H. Burke, Cook, seconded by E. J. Murphy,

Will, the convention took a recess until 10 o'clock to-morrow. LOWDEN'S PLAN. At a late hour to-night there is no substantial prospect that the deadlock will end

to-morrow. It is reported that Lowden will make another attempt to-morrow to break COMRADE, WHO FLEES | the Yates forces. It is said that he expects CRAWFORD, Neb., May 31.-Private Hamlin, fifty from Sherman, and enough Walker, of Troop K, Tenth Cavalry, of scattering votes to swell his total to six nundred, hoping that this will be sufficient to loosen enough Deneen delegates in Cook county to nominate Lowden. The Yates managers admit that at some

# KAISER-"Aber nit." NOTE-Kaiser Wilhelm is an admiral in the Russian navy; suppose he should be ordered to report for duty in the Eastern waters?

### PRESENCE OF WARSHIPS MAKES AN IMPRESSION ON SULTAN OF MOROCCO

Is Only Safe Means of Releasing Captive.

FRANCE TO TAKE STEPS MAY END RECEIVERSHIP PALMER SPEAKS TO-DAY

Commander Chadwick Will Re- Road Will Probably Become Part Will Give His Mysterious Inforceive No Orders Until French Government Acts.

WASHINGTON, May 31.-This cablegram has been received at the Navy Department from Rear Admiral Chadwick, commanding the South Atlantic squadron at Tangier:

"The seizure of the American citizen was by insurgent chief, so as to bring pressure demands of the tribe. Our sense of gravity of the case is shown by the presence of the American squadron and will undoubtedly voted. Finally, they were voted three for cause the earlier yielding by the Sultan of Lowden, two for Deneen, one for Pierce. Morocco to the demands of the chief, which is the only safe means of releasing cap-

> There is the highest authority for the statement that an attack on Tangier or an expedition against the brigands will be followed by the immediate murder of the

At the instance of Secretary Hay no instructions will be sent Rear Admiral Chadwick for the present pending the result of the representations of Ambassador Porter at Paris to the French government requesting the exercise of its good offices in obtaining the release of the captives. Through Ambassador Porter Secretary Perdicaris and Cromwell Varley. The Brit- ana Supreme Court. The case was argued isn government also is acting with great energy in behalf of young Varley, the step-British officials are in communication with the United States government.

Admiral Chadwick is not expected at present to land a party from his fleet to pursue the brigands, but it is stated positively that if Raisuli executes his threat of killing the captives the United States govto get one hundred Yates votes, thirty from | ernment will insist that he be run down and executed at any cost. It is expected at the Navy Department that the South Atlantic squadron now at Tangier will be reinforced to-day by the European squadron com-manded by Rear Admiral Jewell and consisting of the Olympia, Baltimore and Cleveland, which left the Azores Saturday, stage of the balloting Kane, Will and De- The battleship Iowa left Horta, Azores, to-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 3, COL. 6.) (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3, COL. 7.)

THREATS AGAINST STALEY

Coroner in the Murder Case

got off at Chesterfield and the witnesses

also left the car to see what Dusang meant

to do. They said they saw him creep along

in the shadow of the car and when Staley

got off Dusang threw the stone at him and

Staley fell. His neck was broken by the

a saloon row in Anderson Monday after-

noon. They quarreled over a game of dice

and Staley is said to have slapped Dusang.

who ran out and got a stone, with which he hit Staley over the head in the saloon,

but did not injure him. Dusang ran from

the saloon after this and was heard after-ward to make threats of what he would do

jury will be called this week to investigate the murder.

The trouble between the men started in

force of the blow and he died instantly.

· at Chesterfield.

WERE MADE BY DUSANG

### INDIANA LOSES CLAIM AGAINST THE VANDALIA IN U. S. SUPREME COURT

by Indiana Supreme Court Is Reversed.

of Pennsylvania System-W. A. Ketcham Loses Big Fee.

The litigation in which the State of Indiana, on the relation of former Attorney was brought to a close yesterday, when on the Sultan of Morocco to secure the the Supreme Court of the United States to investigate the murder of Miss Sarah cision of the Indiana Supreme Court.

As a result of the decision of the Supreme Court, ending this litigation, it is expected that the Vandalia will in the near future be taken out of the hands of Re- by citizens of Bedford that will lead to the of the Pennsylvania system.

sort the State is not entitled to recover any sum from the railway company. The company to the effect that part of the net to the State for the common schools. The the General Assembly of 1897, under the his endeavors to obtain the release of Don | this judgment was affirmed by the Indiin the Supreme Court at Washington about thirty days ago, Lawrence Maxwell, of son of Perdicaris, a British subject, and the Cincinnati, and Samuel O. Pickens and John G. Williams, of this city, appearing for the company, and Mr. Ketcham and Robert S. Taylor, of Fort Wayne, for the

State. Had the judgment been affirmed by the United States Supreme Court Mr. Ketcham would have received a commission approximating \$100,000, 10 per cent. of the judgment and 6 per cent. interest. The gist of the decision is that the law of the Legislature of 1897 on which the suit was based is repugnant to the contract clause of the Constitution of the United States and of the fourteenth amendment. In the course of his opinion Justice Holmes indicated that the State's error lay in

### (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9, COL. 1.) MACHINISTS' STRIKE IS BROUGHT TO A CRISIS

Go Out Because of Ten-Hour Day.

CHICAGO, May 31.-The 3,000 machinists the metal trades association went on strike day and practically all of the 115 shops represented in the association will be closed defiance of the noncommissioned officers against Clay Dusang, who was arrested to-morrow. No effort will be made to operate the shops until Thursday when the force of the employers will be centralized The ten-hour day was inaugurated by the

employers for the purpose of bringing the strike to a crisis. In a statement sent out to-night by the officers of the association it is declared that the employers have no intention of returning to the ten-hour day, but they were compelled to take this step to combat the slow individual strike campaign which was commenced by the machinists' union some time ago. committee of the National Metal Trades Association closed its session to-night. It was decided to vote all the funds necessary to break the strike of the machinists

in Chicago. Peru Makes a Protest.

RIO JANEIRO, May 31.-Peru has reolied to the recent note of Foreign Minister Branco, saying the Peruvian government protests against the prohibition of the to Staley. A special session of the grand | transport of arms to Iquito, by way of the Amazon river, which it considers to be contrary to international law.

### JUDGE WILSON INSTRUCTS BEDFORD GRAND JURY TO PROBETHE SCHAFER CASE

Admiral Says Yielding to Brigand Judgment for \$913,905 Affirmed Prosecutor Miller Files the Appointment of Attorney Palmer as His Assistant.

mation to Grand Jury-Three New Witnesses Examined.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. BEDFORD, Ind., May 31.-Judge Wil-General William A. Ketcham, of this city, son, who has been at his home in Bloomsought to recover \$913,965 from the Terre ington since Saturday, convened court Haute & Indianapolis Railroad Company, again this morning. The most important business was the calling of the grand jury handed down a decision reversing the de- Schafer. During his instructions to the grand jury Judge Wilson said:

"It has come to the ears of the court,

the prosecuting attorney and many others that there yet exists information possessed ceiver Volney T. Malott and become a part | discovery of the fiend that murdered this girl. I have called you together, gentle-By the decision of the court of last re- men, that you may spend the balance of investigation of this matter and that you may, if possible, find the guilty one and present him to this court. Gentlemen, be firm, be earnest, be diligent in the work vision in the original charter of the railroad that is before you. Let the recollection of awful scenes of her struggle for existence on that fatal night of storm and terror provisions of which the attorneys were to to the end, if possible, that you may prenow upon you. Confidently and with the expectation that you will do your duty, I submit the matter of this investigation to you. As you have sworn before high heaven that you will, do your duty.' Prosecutor Robert G. Miller was present when the grand jury was instructed. He has already thoroughly investigated every rumor in the case, but in view of the statement made by Attorney Palmer that if given a grand jury and three weeks' time he could produce evidence to show who killed Miss Schafer, he filed his appointment of Mr. Palmer as prosecutor to investigate the matter and returned to Bloomington, thus signifying that the investigation is entirely in Mr. Palmer's

> vestigation before the grand jury. He so stated this afternoon on his return from the country, where he had been since Satknow and they can do what they please with it; and I will give them a mass of information that they cannot get through with in less than three weeks." Asked if the grand jury could extend its investigation beyond the term of court, which will end this week, he said he a number of Chinese who had been caught thought not, but that it was not his bus- signaling to the Japanese fleet near Vladithought not, but that it was not his business. "It looks very much to me," he said,

Mr. Palmer would not give an intimation of what information he has. He said that after he had told it to the grand jury he would not be permitted to repeat it, and that it would not be right to make it public

"as if they have got the cart before the

The investigation to-day was under the direction of Deputy Prosecutor Ell B. Stephenson. About half a dozen persons have been examined, three of whom were not before the grand jury who indicted McDonald, Along what line Mr. Stephenson is working is not known. It is reported that Detective Jacob Hager, of Louisville, is in the city to work on the senger coaches and freight cars also are case, but no one has seen him. It is certain that he has not been officially employed. Mr. Palmer will go before the grand jury to-morrow.

WRAPPED IN FLAMES. BUT ESCAPED UNHURT

Little Girl at Noblesville Uninjured After Her Clothes Had Burned from Her Body.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. NOBLESVILLE, Ind., May 31.-Virginia Taylor, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Taylor, West Ninth street, narrowly escaped death by burning to-night. She was standing in caught fire, and before assistance could reach her she was wrapped in flames. When the fire was extinguished it was found that, while all her clothes had been burned from her body, the child had es-Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were at a dance at the Elks' Club rooms at the time of the ac-cident, and had left their daughter in the care of a nurse.

and plers at Dalny were not destroyed.

Bandits occupied the city after the Rus-sians left, and levied tribute on the in-

### RUSSIANS AND JAPANESE FIGHTING FIERCELY AT THREE-OR FOUR PLACES

Said to Have Been Continuously Engaged Above Kin-Chou Since Last Friday.

BOTH SIDES SUFFERED

Russians Forced to Retire at One Point, and Were Followed by the Japanese.

FIGHT NEAR PORT ARTHUR

Outcome Not Known-Dalny Occupied by Japanese-Kuropatkin's Alleged Plan.

LONDON, June 1, 5 a. m .- Dispatches from Liao-Yang and Che-Foo this morning say heavy fighting is in progress near Feng-Wang-Cheng, Kin-Chou and Port Arthur. Both the Russians and Japanese suffered se-

CHE-F00, June 1, 11 a. m .- An unconfirmed rumor is current among the Chinese that a battle occurred six miles from Port Arthur yesterday (Tuesday.)

CONTINUOUS FIGHTING AT SEVERAL POINTS

LIAO-YANG, May 31-5:30 p. m.-Continuous fighting has taken place northeast of Feng-Wang-Cheng and the railway above Kin-Chou since May 27. A sharp action has taken place eastward of Simatsi, thirty-five miles north of Feng-Wang-Cheng, which lasted from the morning of May 27 until daylight May 30. Both sides suffered severely. Detailed figures are lacking. The engagement resulted in the Russians retiring on Simatsi, followed cautiously by Japanese detachments.

Three companies of Japanese are reported to have ambushed a patrol of the Norinsky Regiment near Nunsian, wounding three Cossacks. A fourth Cossack had his horse killed under him. Fearing capture he buried his rifle. He was captured, but subsequently escaped, dug up his rifle and rejoined his regiment.

Severe fighting is reported along the railroad between station Vfangoy and Vfandion. The Japanese suffered heavily and would have been annihilated had not infantry reserves come up and forced the Russians to retire into Vfangoy.

TO PUT THE JAPANESE BETWEEN TWO FIRES

LONDON, June 1, 3 a. m .- The report that General Kuropatkin is endeavoring to relieve Port Arthur by sending a division of troops to the invested fortress is in circulation here. The Russians, it is said, hope to get the Japanese between two fires and drive them into the sea. The Japanese, however, are now in complete possession of Dalny, having occupied the place last Sunday, and it is improbable the Russian

scheme will succeed. The Russian statement from Mukden that three Japanese war vessels were sunk last Saturday in another attempt to "cork" Port Arthur is denied. The Japanese made a reconnoissance on Monday, drew the fire of the forts, but lost no vessels. One petty officer was killed and three men injured by

Before evacuating Dalny the Russians destroyed the gunboat used at Talien-Wan against the Japanese, left during the battle of Nan-Shan hill. The Daily Mail's correspondent at Nieu-

Chwang says: "Some Chinese fugitives from Port Arthur arrived here describe the situation of the inhabitants there as desperate. Famine prices exist. The cost of Hay has been advised that Foreign Minister Delcasse has telegraphed instructions to the French minister at Tangier to use in the Marion County Superior Court, and sent to this court the murderer, whereby of this awful crime the avengement due of this awful crime the avengement due in the Marion County Superior Court, and may legally follow. The responsibility is even that is dear. Millet flour costs \$6 a provisions increases weekly. Many persons buildings have been wrecked by Japanese shell fire. The hospitals are packed with sick and wounded."

The Tokio correspondent of the Chronicle telegraphs: "Russian strategy has undergone another change. Ying-Kow is to be again fortified. Four guns have been brought from Nieu-Chwang, the garrison increased and the harbor mined."

The correspondent of the Standard at the Japanese army headquarters, telegraphing May 31, says: "Repeated reconnoissances Mr. Palmer will not prosecute the in- show that none of the enemy's troops are within fifteen miles of Feng-Wang-Cheng. or east of the Tayang river for thirty miles urday. He said: "I will tell them all I in the direction of Siu-Yen. Motien-Ling pass may delay, but it cannot prevent the Japanese advance, as the pass can be turned on either flank." The Morning Post's correspondent at Shanghai learns that the Russians hanged

> DALNY OCCUPIED BY THE JAPANESE TROOPS

vostok.

TOKIO, May 31 .- The Russians evacuated Dainy so hastily that they failed to destroy much property which will prove highly valuable to the Japanese. General Oku's scouts report that over 100 barracks and storehouses remain uninjured. The railway and telegraph station with 200 paguninjured. The Russians destroyed the big pier and blocked all the dock entrances with sunken steamers. They destroyed all the small railway bridges in the vicinity of the docks, but left the jetties uninjured. It is evident that the Russians fled quickly when Nan-Shan hill was lost, expecting that General Oku would immediately take possession of Dalny. All previous reports of the occupation of the town were false. CHE-FOO, May 31 .- Five hundred Chinese refugees from Port Dalny and Tallen-Wan arrived here to-day. After sifting their conflicting stories it appears that the Russians left Talien-Wan May 26 for Port Arthur, after burning everything likely to be of use to the Japanese. Bandits later took possession of the town and were pillaging when the Japanese cavalry appeared. May 27. On May 26 the Russians left Port Dainy, previously burning the offices and residences, destroying the railroad and scuttling three large merchantmen, the Zeid, Boreia and Nagadan, and all dredges and launches. Some of the refugeessay the Russians destroyed the gunbo Bobr, which is believed to have taken part in the battle of Thursday last at Kin-Chou. and three torpedo boats. Others say these vessels returned to Port Arthur. The docks